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To the Chairman and members of the
Northallerton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Health of the District for 1970. The main vital statistics are as follows. Birth rate adjusted by the comparability factor, 16·8, higher than that for England and Wales (16·0) ; Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 births) 19, higher than that for England and Wales 18 ; General Death rate (Adjusted) 13·4, higher than that for England and Wales 11·7. There were no maternal deaths and five stillbirths.

The statistics are satisfactory, and call for no comment. There were 109 cases of infectious diseases reported, 2 being infective jaundice and the remainder measles. A vaccine is available against measles, and it is recommended that all children should be immunised at the age of 14 months. This can be done by the family doctor, or at the Child Health Clinic.

The water supply authority for the district is the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board. Throughout the year, routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

I was appointed Medical Officer of Health, following the retirement on medical grounds of Dr. Diggles, on 1-4-70. I would like to convey my thanks to Mr. Cornick and his Staff for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. MORRISON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Section A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) General Statistics

Position	Latitude 54° 21' N. Longitude 1° 26' W.
Elevation above sea level (Mean)	125 feet
Rainfall (average) Oakdale Gauge	26 inches
Area	3,653 acres
Population (1931 census)	4,787
Population (1951) census)	6,087
Population (1961 census)	6,720
Registrar General's Estimated Mid Year Population	8,960
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	1,215
Number of inhabited houses (1970)	3,044
Rateable Value of District (April 1971)	£403,278
Product of a Penny Rate	£3,936

(b) Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit	Total	Legit.	Illegit
Live Births	75	69	6	85	76	9
Still Births	5	4	1	—	—	—
Infant Deaths—						
Under 1 year	2	2	—	1	1	—
Under 4 weeks	2	2	—	—	—	—
Under 1 week	2	2	—	—	—	—

CLASSIFIED CAUSE OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostrate	1	—	1
Other Heart Disease	—	3	3
Other Circulatory Disease	1	1	2
Pneumonia	2	5	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	—	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc. ..	2	—	2
Other Malignant Neoplasm, etc.	2	7	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	—	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	—	1	1
All other Accidents	—	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	14	29
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	7	14
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	—	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	—	1	1
Other Diseases of Genito Urinary System ..	—	1	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	—	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	2	—	2
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	1	—	1
	46	47	93

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious diseases notified	Male	Female	Total
Infective Jaundice	1	1	2
Measles	44	63	107
	45	64	109

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

Section B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road.

Hospital Facilities

Local hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of Northallerton residents are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough Hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with the day-to-day administration dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. The staff operating in the Northallerton area comprises two District Nurse/Midwives and one Health Visitor.

Home Help Service

This is provided by the County Council, the day-to-day administration again being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer.

Section C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

Section D

HOUSING

During the year 154 houses were built by the Council.

Section E

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1970

September, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Northallerton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my twenty-fifth Annual Report on the work carried out during the year 1970. The report, reveals the various duties covered by Public Health Inspectors. The routine work in the department continued satisfactorily during the year.

Further progress was made with the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. All registered premises have received at least one general inspection and 98 of these inspections were made during the year. It is anticipated that the 1969 Housing Act will entail additional work with Improvement Grants and Qualification Certificates.

There were 6,326 animals presented for slaughter at the Public Abattoir. This is the same number as in 1969. As in previous years post-mortem examinations were carried out on every carcase, thus achieving one hundred per cent meat inspection.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the help and support that I have received from the Chairman and members of the Council, Chief Officials and staff in general.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. CORNICK,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

General Inspection of Premises and Notices Served

The following statistics give information on the number of notices served during the year under the various Acts and the defects or contraventions that were involved.

306 informal notices entailing 680 defects served 1970.

270 notices entailing 563 defects complied 1970.

37 notices entailing 117 defects outstanding at end of 1970.

Housing	Other Nuisances	Food and Drugs	Factories	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises
Notices 21	160	40	6	71
Defects 155	164	123	16	222
Outstanding				
Notices —	3	4	2	28
Defects —	4	10	4	99

Analysis of Inspections, 1970

Public Health and Housing Acts

Under Public Health Act—

Number of houses inspected ..	..	..	..	78
Number of houses re-inspected	..	..	..	84

Under Housing Acts—

Number of houses inspected ..	..	..	..	25
Number of houses re-inspected	134

Other Public Health Act Inspections	94
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Complaints	150
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Miscellaneous Housing Visits	44
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Total ..	609
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Food and Drugs Act

Public Slaughterhouse Day Inspections	1,035
Public Slaughterhouse Evening Inspections	52
Food Hygiene Regulations	..	..	..	251
Butchers	..	..	..	24
Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles	..	..	..	84
Fishmongers	..	..	..	5
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	..	10
Ice Cream and other Food Samples	..	..	..	17
Confectioners	..	..	..	16
Grocers	..	..	..	58
Greengrocers	..	..	..	3
Restaurants	..	..	..	57
Bakehouses	..	..	..	7
Fish Shops	..	..	..	11
Licensed Premises	..	..	..	2
Miscellaneous Food Visits	..	..	..	18
Total				1,650

Sundry Inspections

Pet Shops	..	..	..	..	1
Swimming Bath Samples	..	..	..	..	12
Atmospheric Pollution	..	..	..	..	16
Water Samples	..	..	..	..	52
Drainage	..	..	..	..	151
Knackers Yards	..	..	..	..	1
Caravan Sites	..	..	..	..	9
Offices, Shops, General Inspections	..	..	..	..	98
Offices, Shops, Visits	..	..	..	..	161
Factories	..	..	..	..	22
Refuse Disposal	..	..	..	..	42
Rodent Control	..	..	..	..	208
Interviews	..	..	..	..	566
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	302
Total				..	1,641

Total number of inspections made during the year .. 3,900

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Houses erected during the year

			With Subsidy	Without Subsidy	Total
(a) By Local Authority	154	—	154
(b) By Private Enterprise	—	2	2
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	Total	..			156
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2. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	103
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		..	..	321
Total number of houses in district	..	..	..	3,044
Houses demolished	..	..	..	8
Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied				29

Improvement Grants Housing Act, 1969

This Act came into operation during 1969 and makes further provision for grants by Local Authorities and contributions out of money provided by Parliament towards the cost of providing dwellings by conversion or by improving dwellings and providing amenities within these houses which are essential for the inhabitants.

There are three types of grants available for modernising houses.

1. Standard Grants

This grant is towards the cost of works required for the improvement of existing dwellings by the provision of those standard amenities which are lacking and house owners can obtain, as a right half the cost, up to a maximum of £210 for installing standard amenities.

2. Improvement Grants

This grant is basically to help owners modernise houses by carrying out more extensive works than are covered by Standard Grants, such as the erection of new buildings for use as Bathrooms, certain repairs are also grant aided and generally to ensure that the house when works of improvement are completed are brought up to a proper standard of fitness and will provide suitable accommodation for 30 years.

Grants of up to one half of a minimum of £100 and maximum of £2,000 are available at the discretion of the Local Authority.

3. Special Grants

Towards the cost of works required for the improvement of houses in multiple occupation by the provision of standard amenities. In Northallerton we are not confronted with this type of dwelling.

During the year there were four applications received for Discretionary Grants and three applications for Standard Grants.

The following table indicates total expenditure incurred for the four applications for Discretionary Grants.

Total Expenditure	Repairs	Improvements	Grant applied for	Grant Allowed
£ s. d. 3,522 0 7	£ s. d. 258 13 6	£ s. d. 3,263 7 1	£ 1,631	£ 1,569

4. Housing Act, 1969 Part 3.

During the year 10 applications were received for qualification certificates from the owners of various properties. The owners then submit the certificates to the Rent Officer so that he can assess a fair rent for the houses.

Your Public Health Inspectors' have the duty to inspect the houses and must be satisfied that the houses have the standard amenities and are in a good state of repair. On this inspection we recommend the issue or refusal of a qualification certificate.

(a) Applications received 10

(b) Applications granted 4.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local Authorities	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies	67	22	6	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	1	0	Nil	Nil
Total ..	69	22	6	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found					Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		By H.M. Inspector (5)	
			T.H.M. Inspector (4)			
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Overcrowding (S. 2) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
(a) Insufficient ..	"	"	"	"	"	
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	16	12	"	5	"	
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	Nil	Nil	"	Nil	"	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Total ..	16	12	0	5	0	

OUTWORK
Sections 133 and 134

Nature of work (1)		No. of out- workers in August list required by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel	Making, etc	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Cleansing and Washing ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

WATER SUPPLY

The Northallerton and Dales Water Board supply water in bulk to the Northallerton Urban District Council and provide a wholesome supply of chlorinated and filtered water.

During the year 52 samples of treated water were taken by your Health Inspectors and submitted for bacteriological examination, these samples were all satisfactory.

3,044 dwellinghouses and 8,960 people are supplied with water from the Public water mains. All the dwellinghouses in the District are connected to the Public water mains.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager of the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board for the following information :—

1. The quality and quantity of the water has been generally satisfactory during the year. Hose pipe restrictions were imposed from June to November.

The daily average consumption of water is 439,000 gallons.

2. The water that is delivered into supply has no plumbo-solvent action.
3. The fluoride content of the water supply is 0.15 P.P.M.

Public Swimming Baths

The War Memorial Swimming Baths were officially opened by Lady Masham on the 3rd June, 1961. The Pool is a reinforced concrete structure with tile finish. The size is 75 feet x 30 feet wide. 3 feet deep at the shallow end, falling to 8 feet 6 inches at the deep end.

The accommodation in the changing rooms include 10 changing cubicles each for men and women, with additional changing accommodation for use of parties.

The heating of the Bath water is carried out electrically through an electrically heated boiler located in the plant room. Also included in the plant room are the rapid filters, chlorination plant and aeration equipment through which the Bath water passes once every four hours and is then discharged through the shallow end of the Bath, as warmed, purified and treated water.

During the year 12 samples of Bath water were taken for bacteriological examination, these all proved satisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The sewerage works have sedimentation tanks, filters and humas tanks. The sewerage from Northallerton is treated and the works are producing a reasonable effluent although the works are working to full capacity.

The public sewers were extended or improved during the year to serve the following areas, Eastern Area Sewerage Scheme 18 inch to 30 inch pipes, Mowbray Road Estate Stage 6.

Difficulty is being experienced with the sludge drying and in particular sludge disposal, as farmers are reluctant to take this for agricultural purposes. The Local Authority have instructed consulting engineers to report on this problem.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of domestic refuse was maintained during the year and the work is still increasing due to the expansion of the town. Every two weeks refuse is collected from the outlying area of Bullamoor and Hailstone Moor.

The clay quarry into which refuse has been tipped over the last twenty years has now been filled and partially covered and levelled with soil.

The adjoining fields which are approximately 6 feet below the surrounding ground are now being used for refuse disposal. The top soil has been removed and the refuse is being disposed of under more supervision and better conditions than applied previously.

The total annual cost for the collection and disposal of refuse for 1970 was £9,323.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The table below indicates the different types of food premises within the Urban District.

Type of Premises				Number
Grocers and General Dealers	..	..	..	15
Bakehouses	..	..	..	5
Market (open)	..	..	..	1
Fruiterers	..	..	..	3
Wet Fishshops	..	..	..	2
Catering Establishments	..	..	..	11
Canteen	..	..	..	11
Confectioners	..	..	..	15
Licensed Premises	..	..	..	17

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows :—

For the manufacture of potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods—

Butchers	..	..	..	10
Ice Cream Manufacturers	..	..	..	1
Ice Cream Retailers	..	..	..	31
Fish Friers	..	..	..	5

251 visits were made to premises where food is prepared or sold.

All food premises in the town have been inspected since the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, came into force. The occupiers of these premises have received pamphlets and detailed information regarding the requirements of the regulations. Advice is given to the occupiers on food hygiene in the light of circumstances as is found at the time of inspection.

The method of disposal of condemned carcase meat and associated offals is by the removal of the same from the Public Slaughterhouse, after adequate staining with green dye, by a firm who render the materials into fertilisers.

All other condemned foods are disposed of by burying on the refuse tip.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959

There is one manufacturer and 31 retailers of ice cream in the area, the premises are registered with the Local Authority.

The firm conforms with the requirements of the regulations and produces ice cream hygienically as the samples which have been taken over a number of years indicate.

Bacteriological Sampling

During the year 14 samples of the undermentioned food were taken and submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory and were reported upon as satisfactory, with the exception of one sample of ice cream.

Sample			No. Taken
Ice Cream	..	..	12
Milk	..	..	2

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

The Local Authority own the Public Slaughterhouse and undertake the duty of slaughtering and have a staff of one slaughterman and two apprentices for this work. They dispose of all offal except red offal.

There were 6,326 animals slaughtered during the year.

The charges made by the Council which have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, are as follows :—

Cattle	..	..	..	27/6
Sheep	..	..	..	6/-
Calves	..	..	..	6/-
Pigs up to 120 lb.	..	..	..	9/-
120 lb. to 200 lb.	..	..	..	12/6
Over 200 lb.	..	..	..	17/-
Sows and boars 120 lb. to 300 lb.				25/-
Over 300 lb.	..	..	..	30/-

50 per cent. increase for Sunday, and Bank Holiday slaughtering.

Lairage

The tolls in the above table include the use of lairs for a period not exceeding 24 hours. For period exceeding 24 hours the following additional tolls are charged for every night.

Cattle, etc.	..	4/- per night.
Sheep	..	6d. per night.
Pigs ..	..	2/- per night.
		5/- per night exceeding 48 hours.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

During 1963 the above Regulations were received and replaced the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, they came into operation on the 1st October, 1963. The introduction of these Regulations provide the means to give to the Government's longstanding intention to ensure that all home-killed meat is inspected before it leaves the Slaughterhouse. The main provisions are :—

- (a) Meat at slaughterhouses must be inspected.
- (b) Meat must not be removed from the slaughterhouse until it has been inspected.
- (c) Meat inspected and passed as fit for human consumption must be marked.
- (d) Local Authorities may charge for the inspection.
- (e) The minimum period of notice of slaughter is extended from three hours to 24 hours.

It may be of interest to note that all carcasses and parts of carcasses passed fit for human consumption must remain in the slaughterhouse until they have been marked by stamp by your Public Health Inspectors. No specific form of mark is prescribed but it is suggested that this should give the name of the Local Authorities and a code letter to identify the Officer. The size of the stamp should not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. This method of marking the carcass has proved quite successful since introduction.

The Regulations permit Local Authorities to make charges for inspection of animals at rates not exceeding :—

2/6d. per bovine animal.

9d. per calf or pig.

6d. per sheep, lamb or goat.

The Council decided that from the 1st January, 1966, a charge for meat inspection should be made in accordance with the Regulations.

Details of Whole Carcasses Condemned or Destroyed

Carcass and Organs of:—

					Cwt.	Sts.	Llbs.
1 Pig	Uraemia	..	..	..		5	5
1 Pig	Pyæmia	..	..	..		6	11
1 Pig	Moribund	..	..	..	1	3	11
2 Pigs	Pyrexia ..	..	..	..	5	3	11
4 Pigs	Septicæmia	..	..	..	4	1	7
3 Sheep	Emaciation and Oedema	..	..	..	1	1	3
					14	0	2

Summary of Carcases and Offals Condemned

15	Carcases and organs				
13	Pig heads and tongues				
1	Bovine tongue				
60	Bovine lungs				
65	Sheep lungs				
94	Pig lungs				
2	Calves Lungs				
4	Bovine hearts				
4	Sheep Hearts				
38	Pig hearts				
56	Bovine livers				
51	Sheep livers				
45	Pig livers				
12	Pig plucks				
1	Sheep pluck				
5	Bovine kidneys				
3	Pig Kidneys				
1	Bovine intestines				
15	Pig intestines				
7	Bovine portions of fore or hindquarters				
8	Sheep portions of fore or hindquarters				
31	Pig portions of fore or hindquarters				
Total weight		..	Tons	Cwts.	Sts. lbs.
			2	1	2 11

Emergency Slaughter

During the year 72 animals were admitted to the Slaughterhouse as casualties for emergency slaughter.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1970

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Dressed carcasses received	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number killed (if known)	1,222	6	5	3,761	1,332	0
Number inspected	1,222	6	5	3,761	1,332	0
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	4	11	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	128	1	2	112	189	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	10.47	16.66	40.00	2.97	14.18	0
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcase condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	22	0
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	1.65	0
Cysticercosis carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary of Other Food Condemned

The undermentioned food submitted for examination was found to be unfit for human consumption and following surrender of same was destroyed.

36 tins of meat (103 lbs.)	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of Bacon
51 tins of vegetables	2,259 miscellaneous packets of
60 tins of fruit	frozen food
2 tins of fish	3 jars of marmalade
21 tins of milk puddings	206 packets of ice cream
	28 lbs. of currants
	13 lbs of Mixed Peel

Clean Air Act, 1965

There are only a few factory chimneys within the Urban district and consequently the amount of air pollution from industry is very small. Observations are made of the above chimneys from time to time and representations have been made to the management concerned when excessive smoke emissions have been noted.

Two notifications of new boiler installations and chimneys to serve them were received during the year. In each case these were approved after being checked for adequacy of chimney height, in accordance with the appropriate memorandum.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Only one licence to use land as a site for caravans have been issued by the Local Authority. This is for the caravan site at the rear of Standard House, High Street, the site accommodates 11 caravans.

The Council have attached conditions to the site licence similar to those of the Model Standards and the licence expires at the end of October, 1972.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The work of rodent control is carried out by a part-time operator and all repression work is done by methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The work is divided into three main categories :—

- (1) Sewer Maintenance Treatment.
- (2) Business Premises.
- (3) Dwelling Houses—complaints from occupiers.

Sewer Maintenance

Two treatments were carried out during the year and the results obtained indicate that there was only a small infestation of rats in the sewers.

Business Premises

The Local Authority gives a free service to occupiers of all business premises for the eradication of rats and mice.

Dwelling Houses

The Council continued to give a free service to occupiers of private dwelling houses for the eradication of rats and mice.

The following table indicates the rodent control work carried out during the year :—

For the 12 months commencing 1st January, 1970, and ending 31st December, 1970, the following infestations have been dealt with :—

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district ..	3,602	30
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	90	1
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ..	50	1
(ii) Mice ..	20	1
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	78	12
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ..	18	—
(ii) Mice ..	—	—

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

This Act came into operation in 1963 and makes provision for the health, safety and welfare of persons working in Offices, Shops and certain Railway premises.

Section 60 of the above Act required every Local Authority to produce an Annual Report and to keep a copy of the Report at their Office. I have prepared this Report from the information supplied by the occupiers of the premises concerned on the Forms O.S.R. 1. From this information the following extracts were prepared.

Work during the year consisted mainly with inspection of premises within the scope of the Act, and dealing with the various contraventions found on inspection.

The following tables explain the scope of the Act on the registration of premises, inspections made, analysis of persons employed, list of contraventions and accidents reported.

TABLE A. REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	No. of premises regd. during the year (2)	Total No. of regd. premises at end of year (3)	No. of regd. premises receiving a general insp. during year (4)
Offices	16	64	45
Retail Shops	20	96	53
Wholesale shops, ware- houses	—	6	—
Catering establishments open to the public— Canteens	—	7	—
Fuel Storage depots	—	—	—
TOTALS	36	173	98

TABLE B. NUMBER OF VISITS TO ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO
REGISTERED PREMISES—

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TABLE C. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED
PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	493
Retail Shops	501
Wholesale depts., warehouses	38
Catering Estab. open to the public	72
Canteens	1
Fuel Storage depots	—
TOTAL	1,105
Total males	470
Total Females	635

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	Number of Contraventions found	Section	Number of Contraventions found
4	Cleanliness 27	16	Floors, passage and stairs 52
5	Overcrowding 2	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery —
6	Temperature 24	18	Protection of young persons working at dangerous machinery —
7	Ventilation 6	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery —
8	Lighting 2	20	(Hoists and Lifts) Regulations, 1968 —
9	Sanitary Conveniences 23	23	Prohibition of heavy work —
10	Washing facilities 9	24	First Aid 45
11	Supply of drinking water —	50	Information from Employees 26
12	Clothing accommodation 5		TOTAL 222
13	Sitting facilities 1		
14	Seats (Sedentry Workers) —		
15	Eating facilities —		

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	Number Reported		Total No. investigated	Action Recommended			
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Prosecution	Formal warning	Informal advice	No action
Offices	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
Retail shops	—	2	2	—	—	1	1
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fuel storage depots ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	—	3	3	—	—	1	2

ANALYSIS OF REPORTED ACCIDENTS

	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
Machinery	—	—	—	—	—
Transport	—	—	—	—	—
Falls of persons	1	—	—	—	—
Stepping on or striking against object or person	—	—	—	—	—
Handling goods	—	1	—	—	—
Struck by falling object	—	—	—	—	—
Fires and explosions	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity	—	—	—	—	—
Use of hand tools	—	1	—	—	—
Falls on the same level	—	—	—	—	—

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